GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:421
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2000
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN POWER SECTOR
MANSINH PATEL

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foreign assistance for generation of power has not been utilised properly;

(b) if so, the amount of foreign assistance received during the last three years and the extent to which the same has been utilised; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government for proper utilization of foreign assistance received for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENTREFERREDIN REPLY TO PARTS (a)TO (c) OF STARREDQUESTIONNO.421 TO BE ANSERED IN THE LOI SABHA ON 24.8.2000 REGARDING FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN POWER SECTOR.

(a & b): The Utilisation of external assistance for power projects in the last three years has been very good. It was 88.4% in 1997-98, 100.2% in 1998-99 and 103.3% in 1999-2000. Funds committed for a project are released in phases depending upon expenditure requirements. The figures for Revised Estimates and Actual Utilisation of external assistance for the last three years are given below:

Year (Rs. cr)	Revised Estimate (Rs. cr)	Actual Utilisation	% Utilisation
1997-98	4372.85	3868.21	88.4
1998-99	4004.00	4012.09	100.2
1999-2000	3138.58	3242.94	103.33

(c): The Government regularly monitors all on-going projects including the ones which receive foreign assistance through various Monitoring Committees including the Empowered Committee and Sectoral Task Forces.